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### Nation's Water Picture Better But Southeast Still Dry

The flow of the nation's 'Big Five' rivers, representing stream runoff from about half of the conterminous United States, increased during November and was 13% above normal for the month, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. USGS scientists said flow of these rivers—the Mississippi, St. Lawrence, Ohio, Columbia, and Missouri—increased from 483 billion gallons per day (bgd) during October, a rate which was 2% above normal for the month, to 553 bgd during November. Because of the large area draining into the Big Five, their combined flow provides a quick, useful check on the pulse of the nation's water resources. The Big Five flow has been above average for the last 6 months.

As a further indication of the generally healthy water situation, the USGS reports that over 70% of the 167 key index gaging stations across the country reported normal to above-normal streamflow during November. Conditions in the Southeast and scattered parts of the central and western states, however, remain well below normal.

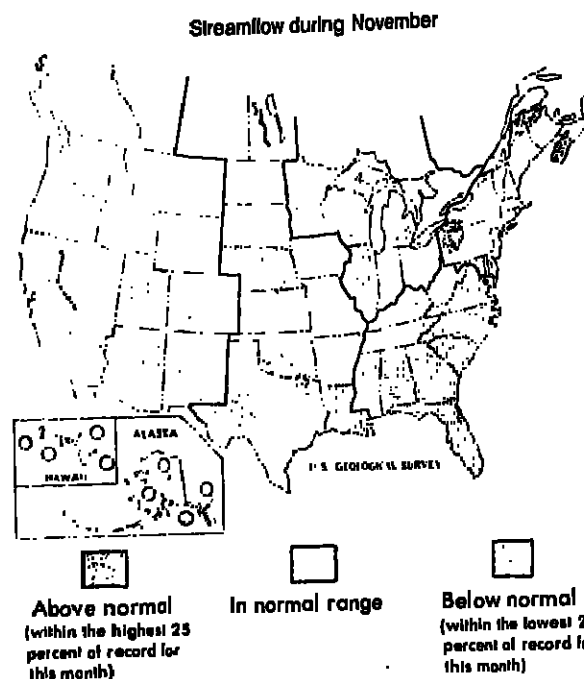
Working in cooperation with federal, state, and local officials, the USGS compiled the following highlights of water resources conditions across the country in November:

• **Big Five.** Individual flows of the Big Five for November: Mississippi River near Vicksburg, Miss., 229 bgd, 17% above normal and 28% above October's flow; St. Lawrence River near Massena, N.Y., 192 bgd, 20% above normal, but 1% below last month; Columbia River at The Dalles, Ore., 56 bgd, 1% below normal, but 2% above October; Missouri River at Hermann, Mo., 39 bgd, 10% above normal and 14% above last month; and the Ohio River at Louisville, Ky., 37 bgd, 8% below normal, but 64% above October.

• **Southeast.** Two key streams set new record lows as the dry spell in the Southeast continued. Twenty-six of the 32 key index stations in the eight coastal states from Virginia south to Florida and west to Louisiana reported below-normal streamflow during November. In addition, parts of eastern Tennessee and Kentucky also reported below-normal flows.

As in October, monthly flows were below normal at all six of the index stations in Florida. In Georgia, three of the state's four index stations reported below-normal flows.

Surface- and groundwater levels were below normal in Virginia and the Carolinas. The usual seasonal flow pattern in Virginia is for streamflow to take an upturn during November, but, in contrast to the usual trend, flows on all four of the state's key streams declined and were below normal.



Groundwater levels in North Carolina remained 0.5 to 2.5 feet below the long-term average.

• **Northeast.** Streamflow was in the normal range throughout most of the Northeast, with 18 of 25 key index stations from New England to Maryland reporting normal monthly flows. In contrast, Long Island, central Maryland, and most of New Jersey reported below-normal flows.

Groundwater levels generally rose in New England where 50 of the 58 key index wells in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island reported levels above those measured last month. The rise brought half of the key wells up to levels at or above the long-term average for November. Groundwater levels increased throughout upstate New York and in most of Connecticut. In contrast, three key wells in Maryland set record lows for November.

• **Middle Atlantic.** Freshwater inflow to the Chesapeake Bay, representing stream runoff from a 65,000 square-mile area of the Middle Atlantic states from New York to Virginia, averaged 32 bgd, 9% below the average November inflow of 35 bgd. Inflow to the Bay has averaged below normal for most of the last 18 months.

• **Great Lakes and Midwest.** Streamflow and groundwater levels were in the normal range in most of the Great Lakes region and Midwest, although flows were below normal and several key wells fell to record lows in parts of the Midwest. For example, index stations in Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas indicated below-normal streamflows, and observation wells in Kansas, Arkansas, and North Dakota established new lows.

• **West.** Flow conditions were in the normal range in most western states, except for Montana and parts of Arizona and New Mexico, where streamflow averaged below normal, and California and Utah, where streamflow averaged above normal. Three wells tapping the basalt aquifer (water-bearing rock formation) beneath the Snake River Plain in Idaho reached new month-end lows. (Photo credit: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.)

## Forum

### Meteorological Rocket Network Archives

The Meteorological Rocket Network (MRN) has provided synoptic observation of middle atmospheric (25–80 km) wind and temperature structure for more than two decades since its initiation in 1959. More than 35,000 small meteorological rockets have been deployed into the stratosphere over the earth, with current accumulation rates of roughly 1000 soundings per year. Archives of this MRN development have been assembled at the University of Texas at El Paso, and this permanent repository for past and future MRN data and artifacts will be dedicated on February 2, 1982. All atmospheric scientists are welcome to contribute to, take part in dedication of, and make use of all information contained in these archives.

Missile range meteorologists implemented small meteorological rocket development during the 1950's to satisfy requirements for mesoscale atmospheric structure data during rocket tests. They cooperated in this venture to assure efficiency, and through this cooperation they opened a new world of dynamical structure unknown to previous generations. Efforts to maximize returns from meteorological rocket sampling through synoptic coordination have revolutionized knowledge of SC structure at the gross end of the turbulent spectrum. At the same time, the necessity of developing small and inexpensive rocket observational systems has produced sensitivities which reveal prolific small-scale turbulence and a viscous nature of the upper atmosphere. Notions that flows are laminar in the upper atmosphere and free of highly significant eddy transport processes, and/or that any features observed there have certainly propagated upward are eliminated from rational scientific analysis by these MRN results.

MRN data have doubled the synoptically observed atmospheric volume and have revealed detailed knowledge of (a) interhemispheric flows between SC monsoonal circulations during 'winter storm periods,' which serve to unify and mix the global upper atmosphere; (b) explosive warming events in polar winter stratosphere regions with wind and temperature variations of several hundred knots and as much as 100°C over a few days time; (c) diurnal tidal circulations with tens of knots amplitude around a roughly 15°C stratopause heat wave which serve to stir mesospheric and dynamospheric regions (50–100 km); (d) a highly turbulent and viscous upper atmosphere.

These MRN results make it impossible to adequately model environmental support for space age technology without current knowledge of all aspects of what is obviously a unified atmospheric dynamical system.

A primary message of MRN synoptic SC investigation is that the upper atmosphere is not the static place that had been assumed. In reality, the upper atmosphere is a highly turbulent and variable region. This dynamic nature emerges from a reduced ambient density medium which serves to amplify traveling perturbations that are commonly damped out of most lower atmospheric observations as inconsequential. Viscous inducing processes that accompany dissipation of these waves communicate the underlying structure of the earth's surface and lower atmosphere to the rarefied upper atmosphere and reveal the total unified atmospheric structure. This inhomogeneous source of energy input is incorporated into local dynamical structures that span the entire turbulent spectral range, from synoptic events of hemispheric dimensions to cascading dissipation of smaller and smaller internal waves into thermal structures.

Failure of models based on static assumptions to yield realistic models of special features of upper-atmospheric structure, such as noctilucent cloud formations, sudden warmings, dynamo current motivation, airglow, and auroral activity, as well as general ionospheric structure, is easily understood in the face of this intense turbulent activity. Chemical and electrical structures of the chemosphere and ionosphere are highly dependent on eddy transport structures, as is the water vapor structure required to support noctilucent cloud formation in mesopause regions. Interactions between the earth's neutral atmosphere and the near-solar environment are similarly dependent on viscosity produced by much larger eddy transport coefficients, which are now known to dominate upper atmospheric regions.

The Meteorological Rocket Network Archives (MRNA) consist of a complete set of MRN data reports (168 volumes), books that deal with MRN development and data analysis, scientific reports, manuals, organizational and administrative reports, and examples of rocket and sensor hardware. A history of the MRN effort has been prepared to summarize this twofold expansion of synoptic meteorological data and to provide a ready reference (more than 300 entries) for all scientists of the contents of the MRNA. All atmospheric scientists are invited to acquaint themselves with these archives so that they can make full use of MRN data to discern the unified atmospheric structure which is known to exist. Inquiries about accumulation, dedication, and use of the MRNA should be addressed to William L. Webb, Schellenger Research Laboratory, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas 79968 (telephone: 915/75552).

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aries of this material, and the interpretation of the results of these analyses. The chapter contains a worthwhile discussion of the difficulty of obtaining representative values for in situ particle density, size distributions, and fall velocities. It also provides a concise review of the literature on the computation of sediment fluxes and the processes associated with turbidity maxima in estuaries with different types of circulation.

Almost every estuarine study includes some form of measurement of current velocity, water temperature, and salinity. Chapter 7 discusses the spatial and temporal variability of these parameters in relation to rational design of a sampling program. It discusses actual collection of these data and presents a computer program that provides a standardized analysis procedure. Following this, net discharge and flux computations are defined, and a numerical example is given to illustrate the importance of using the proper definition to calculate tidal-cycle average values.

The book provides a good introduction to estuarine hydrography and sedimentation. It emphasizes processes, outlines techniques, and points to pitfalls without dwelling on detailed procedures. With one or two exceptions, the references listed are adequate for readers requiring more detail in particular study areas. The book is generally successful in achieving the editor's purposes, and this reviewer is anticipating the appearance of the promised companion volumes on estuarine chemistry and estuarine biology.

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### The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths, 2nd ed.

Vol. 35, International Series in Earth Sciences, 2 vols., P. Ramdohr, Pergamon, New York, xxxiv + 1207 pp., 1980, \$200.00.

Reviewed by Paul B. Barton, Jr.

Paul Ramdohr, professor of mineralogy, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Federal Republic of Germany, is a revered institution among students of ore deposits. For half a century he has been the leading authority on ore minerals and their textural interpretation. His third German (and first English) edition (1968) of this title is a standard reference. His descriptive mineralogical work and presentation of a wide variety of ore textures are without peer.

The author and publisher are commended and thanked by this monolingual reviewer for publishing this book in English editions. In addition to those in German, the sentence structure is often Teutonic, but in only a few places was this reviewer left mystified (e.g., p. xix, lines 7–11; and the last sentence on page 13). In the course of review, my copy of volume 1 logged several thousand miles in my briefcase; the page binding is now showing signs of wear, and I am concerned for its longevity as a shelf reference in the microscope laboratory.

The new edition notes more than 400 ore and gangue mineral species, a quarter of them new since the previous edition. It is for the mineral descriptions that one seeks out *The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths*, and in this area Ramdohr has kept up rather well. However, most of the new minerals are very tersely noted, and the beautiful photographs so characteristic of Ramdohr's work are seldom given for the newer minerals.

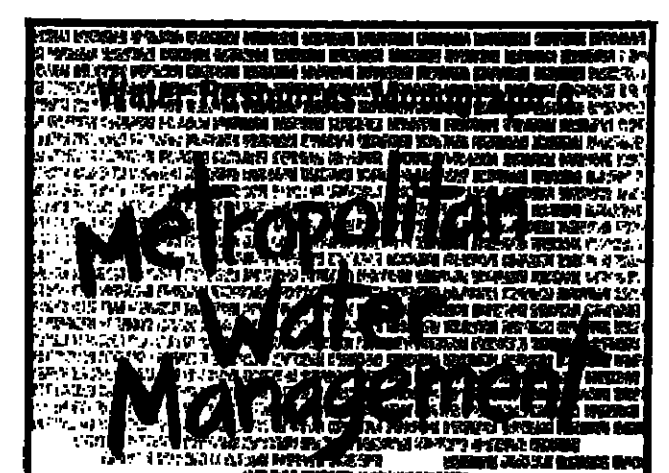
The book begins with 78 pages of genetic systematics dealing with the processes that produce ore minerals and continues with about 200 pages on ore textures and their general interpretation. The most valuable and voluminous part of the book is the systematic description of the ore minerals, which is nicely supplemented by many black-and-white photographs of the minerals and their textures. More than 800 photographs provide a remarkable catalog of mineral textures and show an amazing perfection in low-relief surface preparation. New photographs constitute about 15% of the total. Ramdohr places great emphasis on oil-immersion optics, even for low magnification; thus he achieves a contrast between minerals that is considerably accentuated beyond the images that those of us accustomed to dry optics may remember. The second English edition devotes 85 pages to 'Elements and Intermetallic Compounds,' 47 pages to 'Alloy-Like Compounds and Tellurides,' 452 pages to 'Common Sulfides and 'Sulfosalts,' 108 pages to 'Oxidic Ore Minerals,' and 123 pages to

'Gangue Minerals and Non-Opaque Oxide Ore Minerals.' A 20-page table of 'New Reflectivity Values' is inserted in a pocket at the back of the first volume. It is the most up-to-date feature, as it cites 1976 and 1977 references. A 37-page locally index, a 1135-entry bibliography, a 1-page alphabetical subject index (far too brief), and a 6-page mineral index are included. Ramdohr is particularly thorough in his treatment of the iron-titanium oxides and reduced uranium minerals, and the overall coverage is very comprehensive. The variety is tremendous, and ideas for additional work abound. In contrast, transmitted light study of the transparent ore minerals, an area of rapidly growing importance (for example, see McLimans, Barnes, and Ormrod, *Econ. Geol.*, p. 351, 1980, or Barton, *Mining Geology*, Japan, p. 293, 1978), receives very little discussion.

The editing and technical reviewing could have been much more thorough. The scales of four photographs were changed by about 50% from the first to the second English edition. In each photograph the statement about magnification was that of the earlier version. The photographs in the new edition are generally, but by no means universally, superior to the older edition, being of higher contrast and sometimes in sharper focus. Unfortunately, most of the captions come directly from the earlier edition, and all too often one finds that 'gray' may in fact be black. Some photographs have gained detail, but a few have lost it. Some downright errors appear, such as that on page 248, where the compressibility of the host crystal is blamed for the necessity for pressure corrections for some fluid-inclusion thermometry; the cinnabar-metacinnabar transition is listed as monotropic, despite clear evidence to the contrary by Dickson and Tunell in 1959 (*Am. Mineral.*, p. 471).

Because no author index is given, the reviewer may have overlooked a few citations, but overall the lack of modern references is surprising, and even where modern references are given in the bibliography, they are all too often ignored in the text. The second English edition contains about 1135 references (the dust jacket claims only 800!), but they represent little of the modern literature. The most recent references are two for 1977, the most recent date begins in 1971, and the median date of citation is 1956—a full quarter century ago! This reviewer grants that all too often valuable older studies are neglected just because they are not 'modern,' but science is a dynamic thing, and reverence for history is only a part of knowledge. How, for example, can one justify even a half-page review of fluid inclusions by citing H. C. Sorby and W. H. Newhouse without even mentioning Edwin Roedder? Why should a list of 18 sources of information on geological thermometers give no references more recent than 1984? Why would a discussion of 'transformed textures,' including annealing and exsolution, not cite Richard Stanton or even contain the terms 'spindles' or 'coherent exsolution'? Why, in view of numerous definitive geochemical studies to the contrary by Julian Hemley and others, should the author state that 'hot alkaline waters' are the main agents of wallrock alteration? Why is there a 12-page discussion of 'colloidal' textures and no mention of Edwin Roedder's penetrating 1968 criticism (*Econ. Geol.*, p. 451) of so-called colloidal textures? Not even passing mention is made of the widely available 1974 Mineralogical Society of America Short Course Notes on Sulfide Mineralogy. The treatment of the Fe-S and Cu-S systems is far out of date for a 1980 publication, and Richard Yund and Gunnar Kullerød's 1966 publication (*J. Petrol.*, p. 454) on the Cu-Fe-S system is cited as though it were still in progress. Livingston (HgS<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>) was shown by James Craig in 1970 (*Am. Mineral.*, p. 919) to contain that extra sulfur atom, yet the wrong formula is given. The discussions of the silver-gold tellurides bemoan the lack of an understanding of the phase relations but they ignore the careful studies of Louis Cabri (*Econ. Geol.*, p. 1569, 1985) and William Kelly and E. N. Goddard (*Geol. Soc. Am. Mem.*, p. 108, 1969). Many more such examples can be cited in which recent work has been ignored.

The distribution of publication dates in the list of references suggests either that the book is far out of date or that it chronicles the decay and demise of a particular corner of science; in fact, both are true. By the late 1940's, observation of ores had outdistanced theory, and the standard interpretations of the day gradually became recognized as unsatisfactory. Textural interpretation was viewed with suspicion and was performed perfunctorily. The practitioners of ore petrography of the 50's grew to rely on reflectivity and microhardness (and in the '60's on the microprobe); chemography was all too often substituted for care-



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We have in the second English edition of *The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths* a book that was very well written in the mid-1960's and superficially revised in the late '70's to the extent of adding newly discovered minerals and a few excellent additional photographs of older ones. This is not a modern textbook for ore petrology; it is, however, by far the best compilation of superb ore photographs available. A first-rate microscopy laboratory needs a copy of Ramdohr, but after comparing both editions (and considering the high price of the second), this reviewer sees few compelling reasons to replace the older edition with the recent one.

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## New Publications

### Estuarine Hydrography and Sedimentation

K. R. Dyer (Ed.), Cambridge University Press, New York, ix + 230 pp., 1979, \$39.50.

Reviewed by James P. Bennett

An extremely wide variety of disciplines can often become involved in even the simplest estuarine-water-quality study. The complexity of processes combined with cumbersome logistics and the tremendous expense of conducting estuarine studies make it imperative that all possible influencing factors be anticipated in data-collection program design and execution. Dyer's stated purpose is to provide estuarine researchers and students with 'advice on techniques of analysis and ways of interpreting data which are rather foreign to them, even though they are within the general area of estuarine studies.' The book is, however, not intended to be a cookbook but a source in which techniques are outlined together for comparison with references to other publications for details. The book is a compilation of contributions, and a few of the authors are less successful than others in achieving Dyer's objectives; but, by and large, it is a worthwhile addition to estuarine research literature.

The first chapter introduces the physical and hydrodynamic framework. It has an excellent section describing the classification of estuaries with respect to circulation types and another section that emphasizes the recently appreciated fact that classical circulations are frequently interrupted by flow patterns induced by weather. The chapter also discusses the interactions between sediment and circulation that produce the turbidity maximum and increase the trap efficiency of estuarine systems. The chapter has an excellent bibliography as well.

Tidal measurement is the topic of the second chapter. It emphasizes the importance of referencing tide gauges to local datum and gives troubleshooting hints and check procedures to ensure reliable operation of automatic float gages.

It does not, however, include the techniques of (1) using a measuring tape instead of a wire to connect the pan and float; (2) using a portable, clear plastic stilling well to read the staff gage; or (3) obtaining common datum for several gages on the same estuary. Neither does the section discuss the importance of precise timing of tide records (or modern quartz timers) in running and calibrating digital hydrodynamic models. Also, few of the references in chapter 2 would be readily available to U.S. readers.

Chapter 3 outlines hydrographic surveys, which includes position fixing and depth sounding, whereas chapter 4 covers side-scan sonar and reflection seismic profiling. With the exception of the optical position fixing techniques, the procedures discussed in these chapters are 'equipment-dependent,' so manufacturer's operating manuals should be carefully consulted in designing sampling programs. Reading side-scan and seismic profiling charts is still very much of an art, so expert help should always be obtained in interpreting these records.

Estuarine bottom sediments provide homes and food sources for many organisms. Sediments entrap many pollutant materials and are important in recycling nutrients. Their size composition reflects local water dynamics, their mineralogy reflects source material, and the combination of these two characteristics may be indicative of contrast between prevailing modern and prehistorical transport processes. With the exception that it omits discussing the Ponar Grab, chapter 5 is an excellent review of the principal methods of obtaining sediment samples, the analytical techniques used to determine the particle size distributions of these samples, and how these analyses may be interpreted to provide information about the environment from which they were collected. This chapter also has a complete and relatively up-to-date bibliography.

Circulation patterns in most estuaries are such that these systems are essentially perfect traps for suspended sediment. Understanding sediment transport is thus the key to understanding shoaling, pollutant dynamics, and many other aspects of estuarine behavior. Chapter 6 describes the determination of suspended material concentration, the prop-



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## Meetings

### Rock Mechanics Symposium

January 29 is the deadline for abstracts of papers for the 23rd U.S. Rock Mechanics Symposium, to be held August 25-27, 1982, at the University of California at Berkeley. Theme of the conference is 'Issues in Rock Mechanics.'

Extended abstracts of not more than three to four pages (double-spaced pages), including one or two figures, should be sent to the Organizing Committee, 23rd U.S. Rock Mechanics Symposium, c/o Richard E. Goodman, Department of Civil Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Authors will be notified by March 1; completed papers, ready for publication, are due May 1.

The annual symposium is sponsored by the U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics. A final program will be available in May.

### IAHS Scientific Assembly

The International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) will hold its Scientific General Assembly at the University of Exeter, England, from July 19 to 30, 1982. Previously, the general assemblies have been held within the general assemblies of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics; 1982 will be the first year since its foundation in 1922 that IAHS will hold its own general assembly.

Six symposia, each organized by one of the IAHS commissions, are planned: advances in hydrometry; optimal allocation of water resources; improvement of methods of long-term prediction of variations in groundwater resources and regimes caused by human activity; recent developments in the explanation and prediction of erosion and sediment yield; hydrological aspects of alpine and high mountain areas; and effects of waste disposal on groundwater and surface water. Poster sessions and workshops, including one on remote sensing and one on hydrology in developing countries, are planned.

Accommodations for meeting participants will be provided at the university. Those wishing to stay outside the university are urged to book hotel accommodations early. Contact the Tourist Information Centre, Civic Centre, Dix's Field, Exeter, Devon, UK.

For additional information on the assembly, contact D. E. Walling, Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, Department of Geography, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Exeter EX4 4RJ, UK.

The IAHS Assembly is being held at the invitation of the Royal Society, and the City and University of Exeter, with the support of UNESCO, WMO, and the UK Overseas Development Administration.

### EGS and ESC Meeting

The European Geophysical Society (EGS) and the European Seismological Commission (ESC) will meet at the University of Leeds, England, on August 23-27, 1982. A call for papers has been issued. Travel awards are available for young scientists.

In addition to nearly 30 symposia, workshops, and open

sessions, meetings will be held of all the ESC subcommittees: data acquisition, theory and interpretation, microseisms, deep seismic sounding, local mechanisms, earthquake predictions, and seismicity. Sessions will be held on the IASPEI Commission on Practice and on the IASPEI Commission on Controlled Source Seismology. Several working groups and coordinating committees of the International Commission on the Lithosphere will also meet.

The symposia are divided into three sections: earth and planetary interiors and surfaces; hydrospheres and earth and planetary atmospheres; and interplanetary medium, magnetospheres, and upper atmospheres. Two society lectures entitled 'Rotating Fluids in Geophysics and Planetary Physics' and 'The Magnetospheres of Jupiter and Saturn' will be featured.

Travel awards are available for young scientists. Application forms are available from P. Steinhilber, Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, A-1190 WIEN, Hohe Warte 83, Austria. March 31 is the closing date.

Potential contributors to the EGS symposia, workshops, or open sessions should send two copies of abstracts to J. Lemaire, Chairman, Program Committee, IAS, 3 Av. Circulaire, B 1180 Brussels, Belgium. For ESC symposia, workshops, or subcommittees, mail two copies of the abstract to J. M. Van Gils, Secretary of ESC, O. R. B., 3 Av. Circulaire, B 1180 Brussels, Belgium. One copy of the abstract also should be sent to the convenor of the sessions: the list of convenors, along with additional information and meeting circulars, can be obtained from J. T. Gleave, Special Courses Division, The University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT, UK. (telephone: 0532 435038; Telex 557939 Expalsh G.).

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### Aeronomy

**0210 Absorption and scattering of radiation (ARTICLE OF INTEREST).** INFRARED THERMOMETRY OF ACETYLENE (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) IN THE THERMOSPHERE. J. S. Berman (Department of Physics, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80202), F. J. Murphy, R. H. Blumenthal, J. H. Ollivier, F. H. Lewis, T. J. Murray, D. H. Murphy, and J. J. Claret.

Infrared atmospheric absorption spectra at 4.0-7.0 μm resolution obtained during a balloon flight on 3/21/81 show absorption features attributable to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>. These features are used to derive a preliminary mixing ratio of ~25 ppb over 90 km. This mixing ratio falls into the range of values we calculate for upper tropospheric C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> in models measured previously in samples collected by other researchers. J. Geophys. Res., 86, 15173

**0210 Radio Geophysics.** ULTRAVIOLET AND INFRARED SPECTRA FROM THE SATELLITE SATELLITE. J. S. Berman (Department of Physics, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80202) and G. L. Brown (Applied Sciences Associates, Inc., App., North Carolina 27602).

Comparisons between the SATELLITE radio altimeter inferred estimates of significant waveheight (SWH) and wind speed with buoy measurements for near overflights are presented. Details of the 'calibration' of SATELLITE's altimeter are given against the buoy altimeter data. The altimeter 'noise floor' estimate of SWH is shown to be biased high by 0.5 m for SWH > 2 m. Comparisons of radio altimeter estimates of SWH with altimeter data processed using the radar altimeter for 3 cases show a mean difference of 0.07 m with a standard deviation of 0.19 m over the range of 0.5 to 2 m SWH. The SATELLITE inferred estimates of SWH are biased high by 1.5 m relative to buoy data. For SWH > 2 m, the difference between the altimeter and buoy data is less than 0.5 m. The altimeter data are also compared with buoy data for wind speed. The altimeter data are also compared with buoy data for wind speed. The altimeter data are also compared with buoy data for wind speed.

### Electromagnetics

**0210 Electromagnetic theory.** EFFECTS OF LATERAL HETEROGENEITIES ON ELF SURFACE WAVES OVER THE OCEAN. J. P. Fauriol (Laboratoire de Géophysique, Université de Bordeaux, 33000 Bordeaux, France), P. Bouché and J. C. Meissner.

In the electromagnetic propagation of surface waves over the ocean, the lateral heterogeneities of the oceanic crust and the atmosphere are taken into account. The lateral heterogeneities are modeled by a series of point sources. The lateral heterogeneities are modeled by a series of point sources. The lateral heterogeneities are modeled by a series of point sources.

### International Mine Water Congress

The First International Mine Water Congress of the International Mine Water Association will be held April 19-24, 1982, in Budapest, Hungary. The meeting is organized by the Hungarian Mining and Metallurgical Society and the Central Institute for the Development of Mining; the sponsor is the Department of Geosciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Topics to be covered include geoscience and engineering for the prediction and control of the hazards and damages caused by mine water; protection of mining and the miner against hazard; environmental protection and mine water control; and the relationship between the control and utilization of mine water.

For additional information, contact Zs. Kessery, Hungarian Mining and Metallurgical Society, H-1061 Budapest, Anker köz 1-3, or Roy E. Williams, College of Mines, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843.

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**0210 Remote sensing.** INTERCOMPARISON OF WIND SPEEDS INFERRED BY THE SASS, AIRTECH, AND SAR. J. S. Berman (Department of Physics, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80202), F. J. Murphy, R. H. Blumenthal, J. H. Ollivier, F. H. Lewis, T. J. Murray, D. H. Murphy, and J. J. Claret.

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# Ocean Sciences: AGU/ASLO Joint Meeting



A joint meeting of the American Geophysical Union's Oceanography Section and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography will be held February 16-19, 1982, in San Antonio, Texas.

**Registration.** Everyone who attends the meeting must register. Preregistration (received by January 29) saves you time and money, and the fee will be refunded if AGU receives written notice of inability to attend by February 8.

Registration rates are as follows:

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Student nonmember	\$32	\$47

Registration for 1 day only is available at half the above rates. Members of American Geophysical Union, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Marine Technology Society, and American Meteorological Society may register at the member rates.

The difference between member (or student member) registration and nonmember registration may be applied to AGU dues if a completed membership application is received at AGU by May 19, 1982. Current AGU annual membership rates are: \$20 members; \$7 student members.

To preregister, fill out the registration form, and return it with your payment to the AGU Office. Your receipt will be included with your preregistration material at the meeting. Preregistrants should pick up their registration material at the preregistration desk at the El Tropicano Hotel, headquarters for the meeting. Complimentary badges for guests not attending the scientific sessions will be available at the registration desk.

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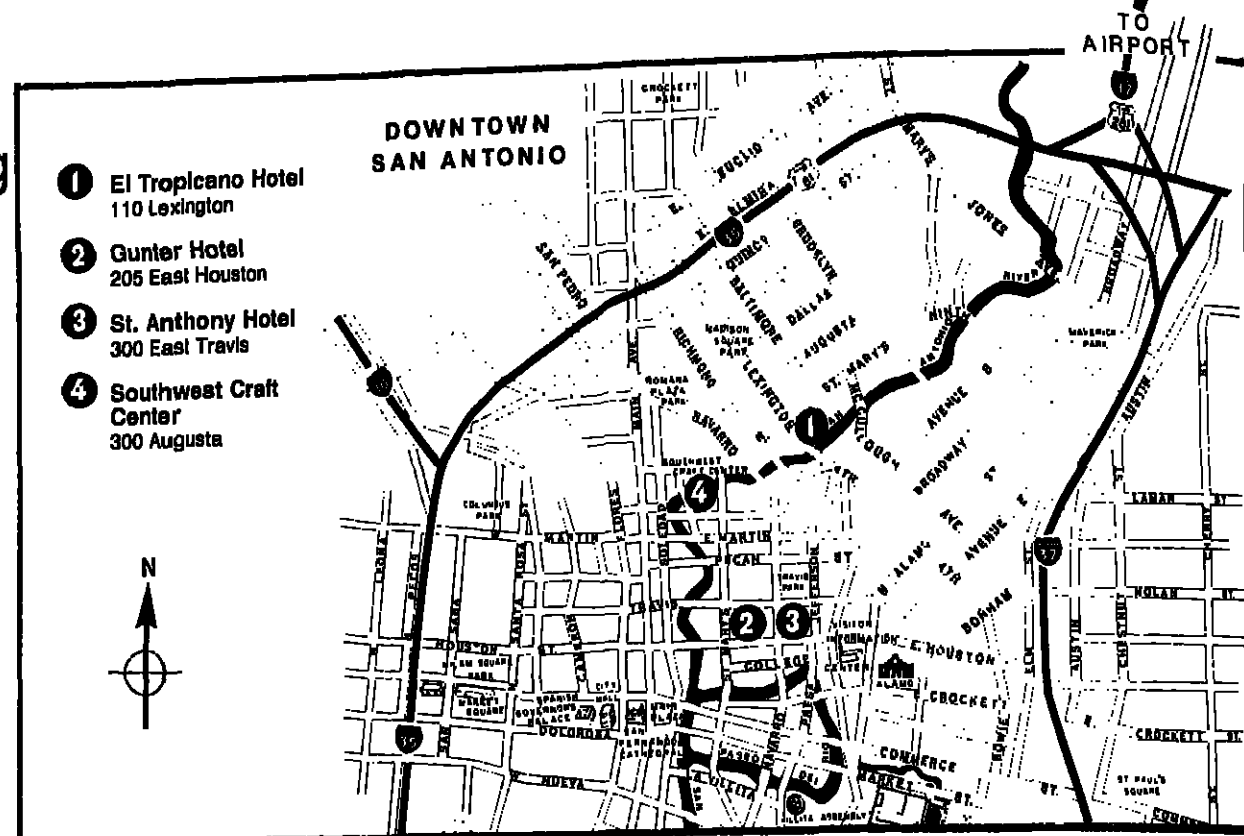
**Social Events.** Complimentary refreshments will be served daily from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M., from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M., and again at the Ice Breaker immediately following the session on Tuesday evening.

A luncheon is planned for Wednesday in the Southwest Craft Center, one of the Southwest's finest examples of French architecture of the late 1800's. Fred Spilihaus, Executive Director of AGU will speak on Society Collaboration-Strategies for Ocean Sciences. Reserve early as space is limited. Cost-\$8.75 per ticket.

## Program Summary

All of the sessions will be held in the El Tropicano Hotel.

Tuesday	Thursday
Particle Fluxes I (AM)	Anthropogenic Inputs (AM)
Biology and Physics of Ice Edges (AM)	Feeding Dynamics (AM)
Ocean-River Interaction (AM)	Particle Fluxes III (AM)
Large-Lake Processes (AM)	Coastal Processes I (AM)
Rings (AM)	Climate and Productivity (AM)
Particle Fluxes II (PM)	Anthropogenic Inputs (PM)
Biology and Physics of Ice Edges (PM)	Gulf of Mexico Biology and Circulation (PM)
Ocean-River Interaction (PM)	Particle Fluxes IV (PM)
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Rings (PM)	Microscale Processes (PM)
Marine Optics (PM)	
Wednesday	Friday
Large Oceanographic Program (AM)	Microbial Dynamics (AM)
Biogeochemical Cycling (AM)	PROBES (AM)
SANDS (AM)	Measurement Techniques (AM)
Small-Lake Limnology (AM)	Coastal Processes III (AM)
Mesoscale Processes (AM)	Biological Dynamics (AM)
Large Oceanographic Programs (PM)	Microbial Dynamics (PM)
Biogeochemical Cycling (PM)	General Oceanography (PM)
Geology and Circulation (PM)	Measurement Techniques (PM)
Small-Lake Limnology (PM)	Trace Metals (PM)
Mesoscale Processes (PM)	Biological Dynamics (PM)



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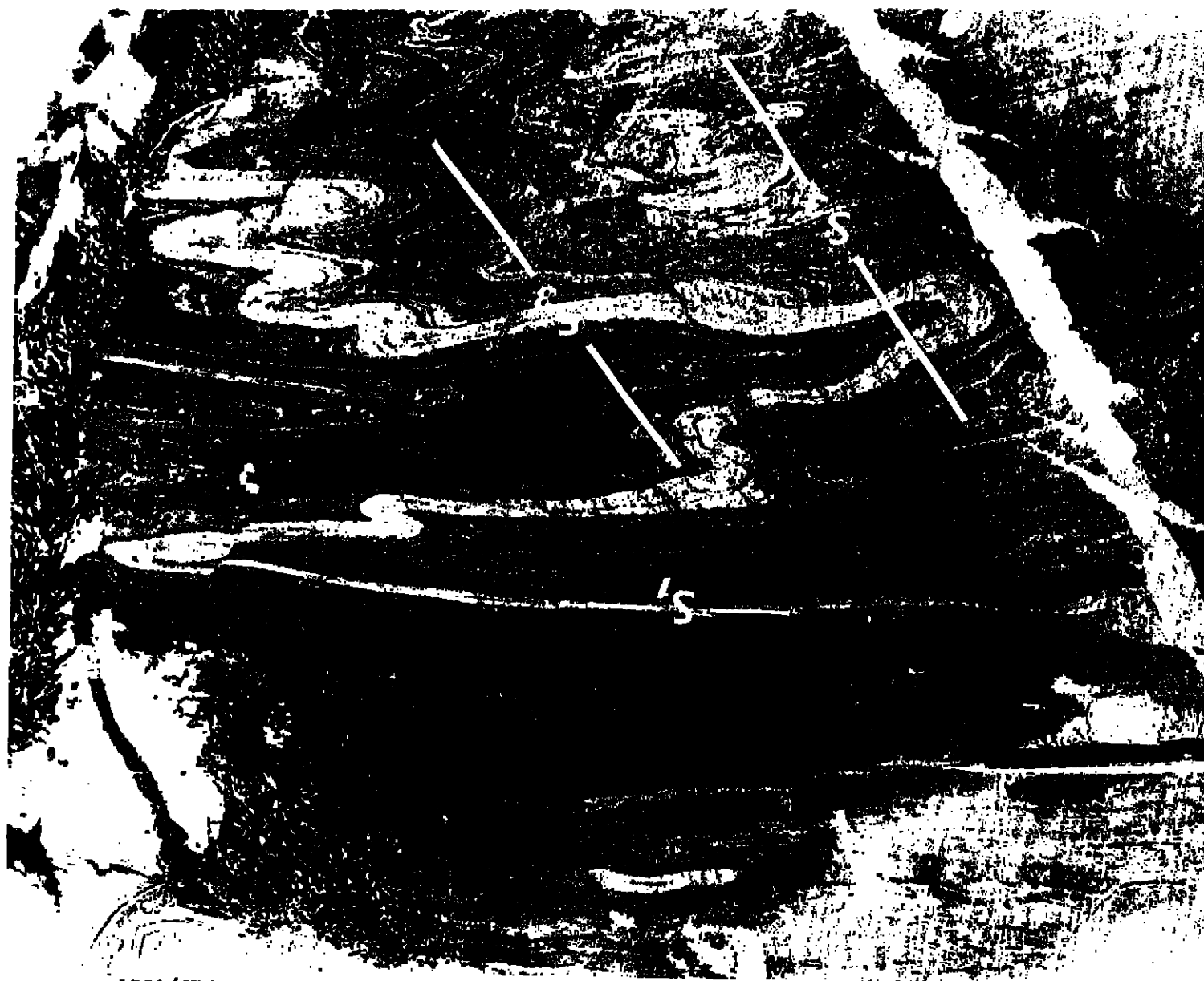
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## Hydrology

3175 Soil moisture  
MOISTURE AND HEAT TRANSPORT IN HYPERARCTIC, HOMO-  
GENEOUS POROUS MEDIA: A MATRIC HEAD-BASED  
FORMULATION AND A NUMERICAL MODEL.  
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A general, physically-based formulation of  
water and energy transport in partially satu-  
rated soil must account for the coupling between  
the fields of matric potential ( $\psi$ ) and tempera-  
ture ( $T$ ). The formulation by de Vries (1958)  
is converted to one that employs  $\psi$  and  $T$  as  
the dependent variables. This conversion  
facilitates a significant generalization of the  
theory to accommodate the omnipresent complica-  
tions of hysteresis and inhomogeneity. The  
limitations of the assumptions of local thermo-  
dynamic equilibrium are discussed. A finite  
element solution algorithm for the con-  
tinuous equations is outlined and tested  
on a variety of problems. The computational  
results demonstrate the reliability of the  
numerical model. (Illustrated with numerical  
analyses, porous media, heat flow).  
Water Resour. Res., Paper 1V1564

3176 Instruments and techniques  
A LOW-COST MULTICHANNEL RECORDING PNEUMETER  
SYSTEM FOR WETLAND RESEARCH  
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A low-cost system for the continuous recording  
of pneumatic head in described. The system  
uses inexpensive electronics as well as transducers,  
while using the narrow stem of its piezometer as  
an acoustic waveguide. The system overcomes  
several of the problems commonly encountered in  
field wetland investigations by providing rapid  
response, freedom from operator disturbance  
throughout most compression, and essentially con-  
stant multi-rate data recording in a direct  
machine-readable medium.  
Water Resour. Res., Paper 1V1593

## Meteorology

3170 Particles and Aerosols  
STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOL AND CONDENSATION NUCLEI  
DISTRIBUTIONS FOLLOWING THE ERUPTION OF ALAKI IN  
APRIL 1981.  
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A significant enhancement of the stratospheric  
aerosol and condensation nuclei levels was  
observed at Laramie, Wyoming beginning in May  
1981, following the eruption of the volcano-shield  
(30.0°N, 155.5°W) on April 26. Observations to  
date have shown that the increase in aerosol  
atmosphere, the eruption was similar to that  
of Mt. St. Helens in May 1980. (Stratospheric  
aerosols, volcanic particles).  
Geophys. Res. Lett., Paper 111633

3170 Particles and aerosols  
THE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF THE FORMATION OF AEROSOL  
NUCLEI IN THE STRATOSPHERE  
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Recent research has shown that the formation of  
the stratospheric aerosol is a complex process

nucleation process. However this conclusion is  
obtained by assuming the ambient temperature to be  
-50°C or -55°C, but in reality it is not unusual that  
in certain regions of the stratosphere temperature  
can be as low as -75°C or even lower. In order to  
examine the influence of temperature on the formation  
of sulfate aerosols in the stratosphere, and to  
explore the possibility of forming new particles  
through homogeneous nucleation processes at certain  
regions where the temperature is extremely low, the  
classical nucleation theory is applied to calculate  
the temperature dependence of the characteristics  
and nucleation rates of sulfate aerosols in the  
binary H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O vapor mixture. Our calculated  
results indicate that the number of new particles  
formed at a lower temperature is orders-of-magnitude  
larger than that at a higher temperature when the  
concentration of water and sulfuric acid vapors are  
kept constant. At stratospheric regions with low  
temperature there may exist large amounts of  
ultrafine particles which can hardly be detected by  
conventional methods.  
J. Geophys. Res., Paper 1C1649

3199 General Meteorology (Atmospheric Ocean)  
ANALYSIS OF TOTAL OZONE DATA FOR THE DETECTION OF  
RECENT TRENDS AND THE EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR TESTING  
DURING THE 1960's  
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Time series modeling of monthly total ozone  
data is considered for the detection of changes  
in ozone due to the possible effects of nuclear  
weapons testing in the early 1960's and more re-  
cent effects of the release of chlorofluorocarbons  
(CFCs). Based on ozone data from a network of  
ground-based Dobson recording stations over the  
period 1958-1979, the results of this analysis  
are consistent with a maximum decrease in total  
ozone in the northern hemisphere of approximately  
2 to 4.5% due to nuclear testing effects in the  
early 1960's. More importantly, our findings  
show little evidence of any significant trend in  
global total ozone occurring in the 1970's, with  
the global change during 1970-1979 estimated as  
-0.2 ± 1.1 DU. (Total ozone, time series models,  
nuclear weapons testing effects, trends).  
Geophys. Res. Lett., Paper 111627

## Mineralogy, Petrology, and Crystal Chemistry

3170 Mineralogy, petrology and petrogenesis.  
ALTERNATION IN THE HIGH-P/TEMPERATURE COMPARISON  
OF DRILLHOLE IN ICELAND.  
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Reykjavik, Iceland)  
In general the rock alteration in the high-P  
drillhole at Reykjaförður is very similar to  
alteration patterns observed in Icelandic geo-  
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basalts in deep crustal sections elsewhere in  
Iceland. The drilling of the hole in the basaltic  
unit was intended to test the hypothesis that  
epidote is a stable mineral in the basaltic  
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mineral in the basaltic unit. The results of  
the drilling show that epidote is indeed a  
stable mineral in the basaltic unit.

## Tectonophysics

8150 Plate Tectonics  
KINETIC EVOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN COCOS PLATE  
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In the East Pacific Rise approached and im-  
pinged upon the western margin of North America,  
the Cocos Plate began to break into multiple  
smaller plates, whose relative movements changed  
strongly from those before breakup. Movements  
of the northern Cocos plate, inferred from mas-  
sive lineations, show rapidly changing rates  
and pole positions which may be characteristic  
of other small remnants of the Farallon plate.  
Plate difference poles and rates for Cocos-  
Pacific relative motion during the time intervals  
2-6, 5-7, 7-10, and 10-14 my have been determined  
from the geometry of magnetic isochrons. Prior  
to about 2 my, the Cocos-Pacific pole was 10-20  
degrees south of its present location, and angu-  
lar rates were 2-4 times the present rate. From  
10-7 my, we deduce a large degree of oblique con-  
vergence between the Cocos and North American  
plates, which may be an important constraint on  
the evolution of the structure of the continental  
margin of southwestern Mexico. The Tehuantepec  
Ridge originated as the ridge-ridge transform  
which generated the Clipperton fracture zone.  
Spreading rate estimates for the southern part of  
the Cocos plate suggest the possibility that the  
Tehuantepec Ridge was reactivated as a ridge-  
transform transform between the two Cocos plate  
fragments prior to about 7 my.  
J. Geophys. Res., Vol., Paper 12106

8150 Plate tectonics  
THE CENOZOIC DENALI FAULT SYSTEM AND THE CRO-  
ZING ACCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN ALASKA  
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B. D. Stricker, and A. L. Foster  
The juxtaposition of disparate geologic terranes  
in southern Alaska has been previously inter-  
preted to be mainly the result of several hundred  
kilometers of right-lateral offset along the  
Denali fault system in Cenozoic time. Recent geo-  
logic investigations in the Healy quadrangle  
strongly suggest that Cenozoic horizontal dis-  
placements of such magnitude along the Denali  
fault system do not exist. In the Healy quad-  
rangle, large-scale metamorphic facies boundaries  
of an early Late Cretaceous metamorphic belt trend  
across the Cenozoic accretionary wedge of the Denali  
system without significant horizontal offsets.  
The present geologic make-up of much of south-  
ern Alaska is primarily the result of Cenozoic  
tectonic superimposition, consisting of the previously  
unrecognized Peninsular terrane and Wrangellia, col-  
liding with and subsequently being thrust upon  
the Tethyan and Alton Fort terranes of the  
ancient North American continent in about middle  
Cretaceous time. The leading edge of the Tethyan  
superterrane faces a wide, complexly de-  
formed zone that contains numerous northward-  
trending, vertically interleaved, and laterally  
discontinuous Cenozoic faults. The flysch is  
thought to have been deposited mostly in the  
Cenozoic time of the Tethyan superterrane.  
The converging continental blocks  
of the Tethyan and Alton Fort terranes developed  
additional Denali fault-system develop-  
ment along the edge of the Tethyan super-  
terrane, in eastern Alaska along an  
ancient suture, (Denali fault, tec-  
tonics, Alaska).